

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An image coding method is provided, in which the method includes the steps of: extracting edge information which represents an edge part of an original image; obtaining density information of an edge smoothed image from the original image by
5 smoothing the edge part; obtaining coded edge information by coding the edge information according to a first coding algorithm; obtaining coded density
10 information by coding the density information of the edge smoothed image according to a second coding algorithm; and sending the coded edge information and the coded density information as coded information to an image decoding apparatus.